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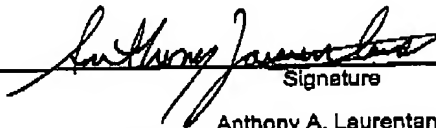
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Application No.: 10/535646

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Art Unit: 2873

For: WAVELENGTH LOCKER

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Please see a copy of the originally filed Application Data Sheet enclosed.

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--Wavelength Locker--.

Please see a copy of the previously filed Preliminary Amendment enclosed.

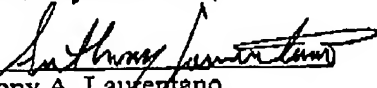
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International Application No.: PCT/GB2003/005000

International Filing Date: November 18, 2003

Application No.: NEW APPLICATION

Art Unit: N/A

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For: WAVELENGTH LOCKER (AS AMENDED)**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Docket No.: BTW-094US

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please amend the title as follows:

WAVELENGTH LOCKER COMPRISING A DIAMOND ETALON

Page 1, line 2, after the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

Related Applications

This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national stage filing of International Application No. PCT/GB2003/005000, filed 18 November 2003, which claims priority to Great Britain Patent Application No. 0227144.3 filed on 21 November 2002 in Great Britain. The contents of the aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

Page 1, after the Related Applications paragraph, insert the following title:
"Background of the Invention"

Page 3, line 1 insert the following title: "Summary of the Invention"

Page 11, line 9 insert the following title: "Brief Description of the Drawings"

Page 11, line 19 insert the following title: "Description of Illustrated Embodiment"

Application No.: NEW APPLICATION

Docket No.: BTW-094US

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 9 and 11, amend claims 3-8, 10, and 12-26, and add new claims 27 and 28.

1. (original) A wavelength locker for locking the wavelength of a light beam substantially to a predetermined wavelength, the wavelength locker comprising at least one Fabry-Perot etalon arranged to receive a sample portion of the light beam and to produce at least one output light beam therefrom, the intensity of which is dependent upon the wavelength of the sample light beam, wherein the Fabry-Perot etalon comprises diamond.
2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended) A wavelength locker according to ~~Claim-claim 1, or a wavelength drift detector according to Claim-2,~~ further comprising adjustment means, dependent upon the output of the etalon, for adjusting the wavelength of the light beam in order to reduce or eliminate ~~its a~~ drift from the predetermined wavelength.
4. (currently amended) A wavelength locker ~~or drift detector according to Claim-claim 3,~~ in which wherein the adjustment means comprise control electronics.
5. (currently amended) A wavelength locker ~~or drift detector according to Claim-claim 3 or Claim-4, in which wherein~~ the adjustment means ~~is/are~~ arranged to control a light source that generates the light beam.
6. (currently amended) A wavelength locker ~~or drift detector according to Claim-claim 5,~~ in which wherein the light source is remote from the wavelength locker ~~or drift detector,~~ and the adjustment means transmits a control signal to the light source to adjust the wavelength of the light beam.

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7. (currently amended) A wavelength locker ~~or drift detector~~ according to ~~Claim claim 5~~, ~~in which wherein~~ the light source comprises a part of the wavelength locker or drift detector.
8. (currently amended) A wavelength locker ~~or drift detector~~ according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, ~~in which wherein~~ the light beam comprises an optical signal, and the sample portion of the light beam comprises a sample portion of the optical signal.
9. (canceled)
10. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector or transmitter~~ according to ~~Claim claim 5 or any claim dependent thereon~~, ~~in which wherein~~ the light source comprises a laser.
11. (canceled)
12. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, ~~in which wherein~~ the diamond comprises a single crystal diamond.
13. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, ~~in which wherein~~ the diamond is a synthetic diamond.
14. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~Claim claim 13~~, ~~in which wherein~~ the diamond has been formed by chemical vapour deposition.
15. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, ~~in which wherein~~ the diamond is substantially free from defects.

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16. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~any preceding claim 1, in which wherein~~ the diamond etalon comprises a partially-reflective input face and an opposite partially-reflective output face, separated by a thickness of the etalon.
17. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~Claim-claim 16, in which wherein~~ the input and output faces are substantially flat and lie in substantially parallel planes.
18. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~Claim-claim 16 or Claim 17, in which wherein~~ the input and output faces are polished.
19. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~any one of claims-claim 16 to 18, in which wherein~~ the input face and/or the output face is/are free from any coating.
20. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~any one of claims-claim 16 to 19, in which wherein~~ the thickness of the diamond etalon is at least 0.1 mm, ~~preferably at least 0.2 mm, especially at least 0.5 mm.~~
21. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~any one of claims-claim 16 to 20, in which wherein~~ the thickness of the diamond etalon is no greater than 5.0 mm, ~~preferably no greater than 4.0 mm, especially no greater than 2.0 mm.~~
22. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~Claim-claim 20 or Claim 21, in which~~ the diamond etalon has a thickness in the range 1.0 mm to 1.5 mm, ~~preferably having a thickness of 1.25 mm.~~

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23. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~any preceding claim 1, in which wherein~~ the diamond etalon has transmitted and reflected wavelength dependent output characteristics, each of which has a free spectral range of 2X GHz, allowing wavelength locking points at spacings of both 2X GHz and X GHz.
24. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~Claim-claim 23, in which wherein~~ wavelength locking points at spacings of X GHz are determined by a difference between the transmitted and reflected wavelength dependent output characteristics of the etalon.
25. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~Claim-claim 24, in which wherein~~ the amplitude of the difference between the transmitted and reflected wavelength dependent output characteristics of the etalon is preset such that the wavelength locking points are X GHz apart.
26. (currently amended) A wavelength locker, ~~drift detector, transmitter, or use~~ according to ~~any one of claims-claim 23 to 25, in which wherein~~ X is 25.
27. (new) A wavelength drift detector for detecting the drift of the wavelength of a light beam from a predetermined wavelength, the wavelength drift detector comprising at least one Fabry-Perot etalon arranged to receive a sample portion of the light beam to produce at least one output light beam therefrom, the intensity of which is dependent upon the wavelength of the sample light beam, wherein the Fabry-Perot etalon comprises diamond.
28. (new) An optical signal transmitter comprising a wavelength locker according to claim 8, the optical signal transmitter including a light source which generates the optical signal.

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REMARKS

Preliminary to examination of this application, please amend the specification to amend the title, to add priority claim, and to insert section headings. Please cancel claims 2, 9 and 11, amend claims 3-8, 10, and 12-26, and add new claims 27 and 28 as set forth above. Applicants amend the claims to remove multiple dependencies, provide proper antecedent basis, and to address other matters of form. The foregoing amendments are not related to issues of patentability. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the specification, Figures and claims as originally filed.

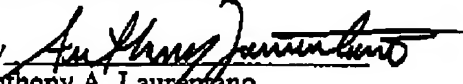
Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments introduce no new matter. Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is in order and requested.

If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendments to the application, we invite the Examiner to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

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